

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 25, 2003

SENATE BILL

No. 21

Introduced by Senator Machado

December 2, 2002

~~An act to add Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 79590) to Division 26.5 of the Water Code, relating to water. An act to add Sections 79505.5, 79522, 79532, 79533, 79534, 79535, 79540.1, 79541.1, 79542.1, 79543.1, 79544.1, 79544.2, 79547, 79555, 79560.5, 79562.5, 79564.1, 79564.5, 79568.5, and 79571.5 to the Water Code, relating to water.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 21, as amended, Machado. Water: Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes the state to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000 for the purposes of the act.

~~This bill would express legislative intent with respect to the enactment of a comprehensive statutory framework for implementing the act require various state agencies, including the State Department of Health Services, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Water Resources, to adopt regulations for the purposes of implementing the act, and to convene and consult with a public advisory committee composed of certain representatives to assist each of those state agencies in carrying out that task. The bill would require each state agency to submit a report to the Legislature that describes its regulations and would authorize the allocation of bond funds subject to~~

those respective regulations 60 days after the date on which the state agency submits its report to the Legislature. The bill would require state agencies that are required to implement certain provisions of the act to submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies each recipient of bond funds, the amount of each expenditure made during the previous fiscal year, and the amount of bond funds available for implementation of those respective provisions of the act.

The bill would require state agencies to award grants pursuant to certain provisions of the act on a competitive statewide basis and would require the State Department of Health Services to allocate certain grant money available to Southern California water agencies on a competitive basis for projects to reduce Colorado River water use, including projects undertaken jointly with other entities.

The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature, of the funds made available for the purposes of desalination projects, to enact in subsequent legislation, to appropriate at least \$10,000,000 for feasibility studies. The bill would establish various other requirements relating to the implementation of the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 79590)~~
- 2 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
- 3 following:
- 4 (a) In order to protect the intent of the voters in approving the
- 5 Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach
- 6 Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5 (commencing with Section
- 7 79500) of the Water Code), it is necessary and desirable that that
- 8 act be implemented in as open and transparent manner as is
- 9 practicable.
- 10 (b) It is further necessary and desirable that the public be
- 11 directly involved in the adoption of regulations governing project
- 12 solicitation, criteria, and evaluation to the maximum extent
- 13 practicable.
- 14 (c) Funds made available by that act are limited relative to
- 15 apparent need. Therefore, both of the following implementing
- 16 measures are necessary and desirable:



1 (1) *Expenditures, including expenditures for loans and grants,*
2 *pursuant to that act should be made on a competitive basis and*
3 *evaluated solely on merit and need.*

4 (2) *Projects that meet the needs of economically disadvantaged*
5 *communities and projects that provide net environmental benefits*
6 *should receive a preference in funding.*

7 (d) *To ensure that that act is implemented in accordance with*
8 *the intent of the voters, it is necessary and desirable for agencies*
9 *that implement that act to report annually on all of the following*
10 *matter:*

11 (1) *The regulations and procedures adopted through a public*
12 *advisory process.*

13 (2) *The geographic distribution of funds allocated pursuant to*
14 *that act and the intended public benefit provided by those*
15 *expenditures.*

16 (3) *The balance of funds available by that act for expenditures,*
17 *including expenditures for loans and grants.*

18 SEC. 2. *Section 79505.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:*
19 *79505.5. As used in this division, the following terms shall*
20 *have the following meanings:*

21 (a) *“Economically disadvantaged communities” means ____.*

22 (b) *“Matching funds” means funds made available by other*
23 *than this division, donated services from nonstate sources, or both.*

24 (c) *“Net environmental benefits” means ____.*

25 SEC. 3. *Section 79522 is added to the Water Code, to read:*
26 *79522. (a) Funds made available pursuant to Section 79520*
27 *shall be appropriated to the State Department of Health Services*
28 *for statewide competitive grants.*

29 (b) *The State Department of Health Services, at a minimum,*
30 *shall convene and consult with a public advisory committee for the*
31 *purposes of adopting solicitation and evaluation regulations for*
32 *awarding grants under Section 79520.*

33 (c) *The public advisory committee shall be composed of*
34 *representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental*
35 *agencies, regional water management groups and other regional*
36 *resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,*
37 *agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public*
38 *interest groups, and other interested parties.*

39 (d) *The public advisory committee shall provide advice and*
40 *comments to the State Department of Health Services on project*

1 solicitation and evaluation, including, at a minimum, funding
2 priorities and criteria for evaluating grant proposals.

3 (e) Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory
4 committee, the State Department of Health Services shall adopt
5 project solicitation and evaluation regulations. The State
6 Department of Health Services shall submit a report to the
7 Legislature that describes the project solicitation and evaluation
8 regulations adopted under this section.

9 (f) Funds for awarding grants under this section are available
10 for allocation 60 days after the date on which the State Department
11 of Health Services submits its report to the Legislature on the
12 project solicitation and evaluation regulations.

13 (g) Beginning January 1, 2005, the State Department of Health
14 Services shall submit an annual report to the Legislature that
15 identifies the recipient and the amount of each grant awarded
16 during the previous fiscal year under this chapter. The report shall
17 include information on the geographic distribution of grants
18 awarded under this chapter and the intended public benefit those
19 grants provide. The report shall also include information on the
20 balance of funds available under this chapter for grants in that
21 current fiscal year and future fiscal years.

22 SEC. 4. Section 79532 is added to the Water Code, to read:
23 79532. (a) Funds made available pursuant to subdivision (b)
24 of Section 79530 shall be administered in accordance with this
25 section.

26 (b) Grants shall be awarded on a competitive basis among
27 southern California water agencies.

28 (c) For the purposes of this chapter, "southern California
29 water agencies" means water agencies whose service area is
30 entirely or partly in one or more of the following counties: San
31 Diego, imperial, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino,
32 or Imperial.

33 (d) Grants may be awarded to southern California water
34 agencies for projects undertaken jointly by one or more Southern
35 California water agencies and other entities.

36 (e) A project funded by a grant made pursuant to subdivision
37 (b) of Section 79530 shall meet both of the following requirements:

38 (1) The project will assist the grantee to meet safe drinking
39 water standards.

1 (2) *The project will assist the grantee to meet the state's*
2 *commitment to reduce Colorado River water use to 4.4 million*
3 *acre-feet per year.*

4 SEC. 5. *Section 79533 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

5 79533. (a) *The State Department of Health Services, at a*
6 *minimum, shall convene and consult with a public advisory*
7 *committee for the purposes of adopting solicitation and evaluation*
8 *regulations for awarding grants under subdivision (b) of Section*
9 *79530.*

10 (b) *The public advisory committee shall be composed of*
11 *representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental*
12 *agencies, regional water management groups and other regional*
13 *resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,*
14 *agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public*
15 *interest groups, and other interested parties.*

16 (c) *The public advisory committee shall provide advice and*
17 *comments to the State Department of Health Services on project*
18 *solicitation and evaluation, including, at a minimum, funding*
19 *priorities and criteria for evaluating grant proposals.*

20 (d) *Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory*
21 *committee, the State Department of Health Services shall adopt*
22 *project solicitation and evaluation regulations. The regulations*
23 *may include a requirement for matching funds, but only if the*
24 *regulations also include a waiver process for economically*
25 *disadvantaged communities. The regulations may also include a*
26 *cap on the size of grants awarded pursuant to subdivision (b) of*
27 *Section 79530. The regulations shall include a preference for*
28 *grants to economically disadvantaged communities.*

29 (e) *The State Department of Health Services shall submit a*
30 *report to the Legislature that describes the project solicitation and*
31 *evaluation regulations adopted under this section. Funds for*
32 *awarding grants pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 79530 are*
33 *available for allocation 60 days after the date on which the State*
34 *Department of Health Services submits its report to the*
35 *Legislature.*

36 SEC. 6. *Section 79534 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

37 79534. (a) *Funds made available pursuant to paragraphs (1)*
38 *to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 79530, and not for*
39 *the purposes of subdivision (b) of that section, shall be*
40 *administered in accordance with this section.*

1 (b) Grants shall be awarded on a statewide competitive basis.
2 A project that receives funding for the purposes of subdivision (b)
3 of Section 79530 is not eligible for a grant subject to this section.

4 (c) The State Department of Health Services, at a minimum,
5 shall convene and consult with a public advisory committee for the
6 purposes of adopting solicitation and evaluation regulations for
7 awarding grants under this section.

8 (d) The public advisory committee shall be composed of
9 representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental
10 agencies, regional water management groups and other regional
11 resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,
12 agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public
13 interest groups, and other interested parties.

14 (e) The public advisory committee shall provide advice and
15 comments to the State Department of Health Services on project
16 solicitation and evaluation, including, at a minimum, funding
17 priorities and criteria for evaluating grant proposals.

18 (f) Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory
19 committee, the State Department of Health Services shall adopt
20 project solicitation and evaluation regulations. The regulations
21 may include a requirement for matching funds, but only if the
22 guidelines also include a waiver process for economically
23 disadvantaged communities. The regulations may also include a
24 cap on the size of grants awarded pursuant to this section. The
25 regulations shall include a preference for grants to economically
26 disadvantaged communities.

27 (4) The State Department of Health Services shall submit a
28 report to the Legislature that describes the project solicitation and
29 evaluation regulations adopted under this section. Funds for
30 awarding grants subject to this section are available for allocation
31 60 days after the date on which the State Department of Health
32 Services submits its report to the Legislature.

33 SEC. 7. Section 79535 is added to the Water Code, to read:

34 79535. Beginning January 1, 2005, the State Department of
35 Health Services shall submit an annual report to the Legislature
36 that identifies the recipient and the amount of each grant awarded
37 during the previous fiscal year under this chapter. The report shall
38 include information on the geographic distribution of grants
39 awarded under this chapter and the intended public benefit those
40 grants provide. The report shall also include information on the

1 *balance of funds available under this chapter for grants in that*
2 *current fiscal year and future fiscal years.*

3 *SEC. 8. Section 79540.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

4 *79540.1. (a) Funds made available pursuant to 79540 shall*
5 *be administered in accordance with this section.*

6 *(b) Grants shall be awarded on a statewide competitive basis.*

7 *(c) The board, at a minimum, shall convene and consult with a*
8 *public advisory committee for the purposes of adopting*
9 *solicitation and evaluation regulations for awarding grants under*
10 *this section.*

11 *(d) The public advisory committee shall be composed of*
12 *representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental*
13 *agencies, regional water management groups and other regional*
14 *resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,*
15 *agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public*
16 *interest groups, and other interested parties.*

17 *(e) The public advisory committee shall provide advice and*
18 *comments to the board on project solicitation and evaluation,*
19 *including, at a minimum, funding priorities and criteria for*
20 *evaluating grant proposals.*

21 *(f) Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory*
22 *committee, the board shall adopt project solicitation and*
23 *evaluation regulations. The regulations may include a requirement*
24 *for matching funds, but only if the regulations also include a*
25 *waiver process for economically disadvantaged communities. The*
26 *regulations may also include a cap on the size of grants awarded*
27 *pursuant to this section. The regulations shall include a preference*
28 *for grants to economically disadvantaged communities.*

29 *(g) The board shall submit a report to the Legislature the*
30 *project solicitation and evaluation regulations adopted under this*
31 *section. Funds for awarding grants pursuant to Section 79540 are*
32 *available for allocation 60 days after the date on which the board*
33 *submits its report to the Legislature.*

34 *(h) Beginning January 1, 2005, the board shall submit an*
35 *annual report to the Legislature that identifies the recipient and the*
36 *amount of each grant awarded the previous fiscal year pursuant*
37 *to Section 79540. The report shall include information on the*
38 *geographic distribution of grants awarded under Section 79540*
39 *and the intended public benefit those grants provide. The report*
40 *shall also include information on the balance of funds available*

1 under Section 79540 for grants in that current fiscal year and
2 future fiscal years.

3 SEC. 9. Section 79541.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

4 79541.1. Beginning January 1, 2005, the secretary shall
5 submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies the
6 recipient and the amount of each expenditure, loan, or grant
7 awarded during the previous fiscal year pursuant to Section
8 79541. The report shall include information on the geographic
9 distribution of those expenditures, loans, or grants awarded under
10 Section 79541 and the intended public benefit those expenditures,
11 loans, or grants provide. The report shall also include information
12 on the balance of funds available under Section 79541 for
13 expenditures, loans, or grants in that current fiscal year and future
14 fiscal years.

15 SEC. 10. Section 79542.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

16 79542.1. Beginning January 1, 2005, the California Tahoe
17 Conservancy shall submit an annual report to the Legislature that
18 identifies the seller and the amount of each expenditure made
19 during the previous fiscal year pursuant to Section 79542. The
20 report shall include information on the geographic distribution of
21 expenditures under Section 79542 and the intended public benefit
22 those expenditures provide. The report shall also include
23 information on the balance of funds available under Section 79542
24 for expenditures in that current fiscal year and future fiscal years.

25 SEC. 11. Section 79543.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

26 79543.1. Beginning January 1, 2005, the board shall submit
27 an annual report to the Legislature that identifies the recipient and
28 the amount of each expenditure, grant, and loan made during the
29 previous fiscal year pursuant to Section 79543. The report shall
30 include information on the geographic distribution of
31 expenditures, grants, and loans awarded under Section 79543 and
32 the intended public benefit those expenditures, grants, and loans
33 provide. The report shall also include information on the balance
34 of funds available under Section 79543 for expenditures, grants,
35 and loans in that current fiscal year and future fiscal years.

36 SEC. 12. Section 79544.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

37 79544.1. The secretary shall require all prospective grantees
38 for land and water acquisitions pursuant to Section 79544 to
39 include in the grant application a proposal for the long-term
40 management of the resource proposed to be acquired. The

1 *proposal shall identify the agency or organization that will hold*
2 *title to the resource, including any state or federal agency to which*
3 *title may be transferred after acquisition, and the agency or*
4 *organization that will be responsible for managing and protecting*
5 *the water quality values of the resource.*

6 *SEC. 13. Section 79544.2 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

7 *79544.2. Beginning January 1, 2005, the secretary shall*
8 *submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies the*
9 *recipient and the amount of each acquisition funded during the*
10 *previous fiscal year pursuant to Section 79544. The report shall*
11 *include information on the geographic distribution of acquisitions*
12 *funded under Section 79544 and the intended public benefit those*
13 *acquisitions provide. The report shall also include information on*
14 *the balance of funds available under Section 79544 for*
15 *acquisitions in that current fiscal year and future fiscal years.*

16 *SEC. 14. Section 79547 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

17 *79547. (a) Funds made available pursuant to Section 79545*
18 *shall be administered in accordance with this section.*

19 *(b) Grants shall be awarded on a statewide competitive basis.*

20 *(c) The department, at a minimum, shall convene and consult*
21 *with a public advisory committee for the purposes of adopting*
22 *solicitation and evaluation regulations for awarding grants under*
23 *this chapter.*

24 *(d) The public advisory committee shall be composed of*
25 *representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental*
26 *agencies, regional water management groups and other regional*
27 *resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,*
28 *agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public*
29 *interest groups, and other interested parties.*

30 *(e) The public advisory committee shall provide advice and*
31 *comments to the department on project solicitation and*
32 *evaluation, including, at a minimum, funding priorities and*
33 *criteria for evaluating grant proposals.*

34 *(f) Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory*
35 *committee, the board shall adopt project solicitation and*
36 *evaluation regulations. The regulations may also include a cap on*
37 *the size of grants awarded pursuant to this chapter. The regulations*
38 *shall include a preference for projects that provide a net*
39 *environmental benefit.*

1 (g) *The department shall submit a report to the Legislature that*
2 *describes the project solicitation and evaluation regulations*
3 *adopted pursuant to this section. Funds for awarding grants*
4 *pursuant to Section 79545 are available for allocation 60 days*
5 *after the date on which the department submits its report to the*
6 *Legislature.*

7 (h) *The department may not delay convening the public*
8 *advisory committee pursuant to subdivision (c) for the purposes of*
9 *receiving the report prepared pursuant to Section 12949.6.*

10 (i) *Beginning January 1, 2005, the department shall submit a*
11 *report to the Legislature that identifies the recipient and the*
12 *amount of each grant awarded during the previous fiscal year*
13 *under this chapter. The report shall include information on the*
14 *geographic distribution of grants awarded under this chapter and*
15 *the intended public and environmental benefit those grants*
16 *provide. The report shall also include information on the balance*
17 *of funds available under this chapter for grants in that current*
18 *fiscal year and future fiscal years.*

19 (j) *Of the funds made available for the purposes of subdivision*
20 *(a) of Section 79545, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact*
21 *subsequent legislation to appropriate at least ten million dollars*
22 *(\$10,000,000) for feasibility studies.*

23 SEC. 15. *Section 79555 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

24 79555. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:*

25 (a) *According to the Environmental Water Account Operating*
26 *Principles Agreement, the environmental water account will*
27 *expire on September 30, 2004, unless extended by written*
28 *agreement among the management agencies and project agencies.*

29 (b) *The Environmental Water Account Operating Principles*
30 *Agreement also state that before the environmental water account*
31 *expires, the management agencies and project agencies will assess*
32 *the success of environmental water account operations and*
33 *analyze the potential impacts from new facilities and expanded*
34 *conveyance capacity. The agencies will then determine the*
35 *appropriate size and composition of an environmental water*
36 *account, as well as the environmental water account's sharing in*
37 *the benefits from new facilities, in the fifth and future years.*

38 (c) *If the Environmental Water Account is extended, it is the*
39 *intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation requiring*
40 *that not less than 50 percent of the funds made available pursuant*

1 to subdivision (d) of Section 79550 for acquisition of water for the
2 CALFED environmental water account be expended for long-term
3 water purchase contracts and water rights.

4 SEC. 16. Section 79560.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

5 79560.5. The department and the board may develop a joint
6 process for soliciting and reviewing proposals for grants pursuant
7 to Section 79560 to reduce the complexity and confusion of the
8 grant application process and to encourage greater coordination
9 and collaboration in funding between state agencies and
10 programs.

11 SEC. 17. Section 79562.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

12 79562.5. (a) Funds made available pursuant to Section
13 79560 shall be administered by the department and the board in
14 accordance with this section.

15 (b) Grants shall be awarded on a statewide competitive basis.

16 (c) The department and the board, at a minimum, shall convene
17 and consult with a public advisory committee for the purposes of
18 adopting solicitation and evaluation regulations for awarding
19 grants under this chapter.

20 (d) The public advisory committee shall be composed of
21 representatives of interested federal, state, and local governmental
22 agencies, regional water management groups and other regional
23 resource planning groups, public and private water agencies,
24 agricultural interest groups, environmental interest groups, public
25 interest groups, and other interested parties.

26 (e) The public advisory committee shall provide advice and
27 comments to the department and the board on project solicitation
28 and evaluation, including, at a minimum, funding priorities and
29 criteria for evaluating grant proposals.

30 (f) Based on the advice and comments of the public advisory
31 committee, the department and the board shall adopt project
32 solicitation and evaluation regulations. The regulations may
33 include a provision that authorizes the department and the board
34 to consider whether or not a project benefits an economically
35 disadvantaged community for the purposes of imposing
36 requirements relating to matching funds. The regulations shall
37 include a preference for projects that provide a net environmental
38 benefit.

39 (g) The department and the board shall submit a report to the
40 Legislature that describes the project solicitation and evaluation

1 regulations established under this section. Funds for awarding
2 grants pursuant to Section 79560 are available for allocation 60
3 days after the date on which the department and the board submit
4 their report to the Legislature.

5 (h) Beginning January 1, 2005, the department and the board
6 shall each submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies
7 the recipient and the amount of each grant awarded during the
8 previous fiscal year under this chapter. The reports shall include
9 information on the geographic distribution of grants awarded
10 under this chapter and the intended public and environmental
11 benefit those grants provide. The reports shall also include
12 information on the balance of funds available under this chapter
13 for grants in that current fiscal year and future fiscal years.

14 SEC. 18. Section 79564.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

15 79564.1. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 79560,
16 not less than 40 percent shall be available for projects in northern
17 California and not less than 40 percent be available for projects
18 in southern California to the maximum extent possible, subject to
19 a determination by the administering agency that each project
20 meets all of the requirements of this chapter.

21 (b) For the purposes of this section, “southern California”
22 means the Counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, Orange,
23 Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Imperial.

24 (c) For the purposes of this section, “northern California”
25 means all California counties except those identified in
26 subdivision (b).

27 SEC. 19. Section 79564.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

28 79564.5. To be eligible for financing by the department
29 pursuant to Section 79560.1, a project shall be consistent with an
30 adopted integrated regional water management plan as described
31 in subdivision (a) of Section 79564.

32 SEC. 20. Section 79568.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

33 79568.5. It is the intent of the Legislature in subsequent
34 legislation to allocate fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) from
35 funds available pursuant to Section 79568 as a minimum state
36 contribution or matching contribution for federal funds or funds
37 obtained from other sources, to assist in the implementation of the
38 preferred alternative or other related restoration activities,
39 including the program referred to in paragraph (3) of subdivision
40 (d) of Section 2081.7 of the Fish and Game Code, at the Salton Sea

1 *or the lower Colorado River; or to assist in the development of a*
2 *natural community conservation plan that is consistent with the*
3 *initiative and that is implemented to effectuate the Quantification*
4 *Settlement Agreement.*

5 *SEC. 21. Section 79571.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:*

6 *79571.5. Beginning January 1, 2005, each state agency*
7 *expending funds pursuant to this chapter shall submit an annual*
8 *report to the Legislature that identifies the recipient and the*
9 *amount of each expenditure or grant made during the previous*
10 *fiscal year under this chapter. The report shall include information*
11 *on the geographic distribution of expenditures and grants made*
12 *under this chapter and the intended public and environmental*
13 *benefit that those expenditures and grants provide. The report*
14 *shall also include information on the balance of funds available*
15 *under this chapter for expenditures and grants in that current fiscal*
16 *year and future fiscal years.*

17 ~~*is added to Division 26.5 of the Water Code, to read:*~~

18
19 ~~CHAPTER 12. IMPLEMENTATION~~

20
21 ~~*79590. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the*~~
22 ~~*following:*~~

23 ~~*(1) The enactment of the Water Security, Clean Drinking*~~
24 ~~*Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5*~~
25 ~~*(commencing with Section 79500)) through the voters' approval*~~
26 ~~*of Proposition 50 at the statewide general election on November*~~
27 ~~*5, 2002, demonstrates the public's commitment to all of the*~~
28 ~~*following:*~~

29 ~~*(A) Maintenance of adequate funding of the state's major water*~~
30 ~~*programs, including the CALFED Bay-Delta program.*~~

31 ~~*(B) Meeting the state's obligations under the Colorado River*~~
32 ~~*Water Use Plan.*~~

33 ~~*(C) Investing in water quality and safe drinking water*~~
34 ~~*programs.*~~

35 ~~*(D) Protecting coastal water quality and marine, aquatic, and*~~
36 ~~*terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife.*~~

37 ~~*(2) The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and*~~
38 ~~*Beach Protection Act of 2002 requires the Legislature to*~~
39 ~~*appropriate the funds provided by that act, and authorizes the*~~

1 ~~Legislature to establish funding criteria and direction in most of~~
2 ~~the programmatic areas of the measure.~~

3 ~~(3) The achievement of a geographically and~~
4 ~~programmatically balanced implementation of the Water Security,~~
5 ~~Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002~~
6 ~~requires the enactment of a comprehensive statutory framework~~
7 ~~that is consistent with the provisions of that act.~~

8 ~~(b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to enact a~~
9 ~~comprehensive statutory framework for implementing the Water~~
10 ~~Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act~~
11 ~~of 2002 that accomplishes all of the following:~~

12 ~~(1) Ensures the equitable distribution of funding to meet the~~
13 ~~needs of all regions of California in a manner that optimizes the use~~
14 ~~of the taxpayers' dollars.~~

15 ~~(2) Provides for the efficient, expeditious, and coordinated~~
16 ~~administration of programs funded by the act.~~

17 ~~(3) Contributes to the long-term improvement of California's~~
18 ~~water quality, water supply reliability, and environment.~~

